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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 December 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 17 and 18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 17-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 12/1/09 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

(a) Applicant argues "The portions in Proehl relied by the Examiner does not suggest a calendar-based on-screen planner allowing a user to input and edit her personal schedules".

The Examiner respectfully disagrees. The claims in part recite "accepting an input of user schedule information in which a user is able to edit a personal event or events of the selected day". Referring to Fig. 9 in Proehl, Proehl illustrates that a user can edit the calendar such that a personal event such as a pay-per-view event can be inputted. For example, in Fig. 9, the user has pay-per-view events scheduled for July 10 & July 17. Pay-per-view events are personal events in that they vary from user to user. User A might be interested in movie X, and user B might be interested in movie Y.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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3. Claims 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Proehl (6532589).

As for claims 17 and 18, Proehl discloses a schedule apparatus, comprising:

Means (RAM 51) for receiving electronic program guide information (col. 4, lines 14-18);

means for creating a calendar (TV Planner - Fig. 9) including a plurality of dates and displaying the created calendar on a display device (col. 7, lines 30-35);

first means for determining whether a date from said calendar has been selected (User selects July 17 (914 – Fig. 9); col. 8, lines 25-30);

means for creating a selected date display (Fig. 10) and displaying the created selected date display on the display device, and second means for determining whether a request (1008 – fig. 10) for the EPG information has been made while the selected date display is being displayed on the display device (Referring to Fig. 10, the user at the moment is viewing the day planner for the date of July 17. On the right hand panel, the user can select to view the epg by selecting the "go to guide" button 1008; col. 8, lines 30-60);

means for creating an EPG display for the selected date and displaying the created EPG display on the display device, responsive to a determination from the second determining means that the request for the EPG information has been made while the selected date display is being displayed on the display device (col. 8, lines 30-60);

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third means for determining whether a request for a viewing or recording reservation of a desired program or programs has been made while the EPG display is being displayed on the display device (From the epg, the user can select to record or to set a reminder of a program or programs; Col. 8, lines 13-22);

fourth means, responsive to a determination from the first determining means that the date has been selected, for accepting an input of user schedule information in which a user is able to edit a personal event or events of the selected day, and responsive to determinations from the first and second determining means, respectively, that the date has been selected and that the request for the EPG information has been made while the selected date display is being displayed, causing said EPG information which comprises at least program guide information of the selected date to be displayed on the EPG display (From the day planner, the user can select to view the epg. When the user selects the epg, programming is displayed starting from the date displayed in the day planner; col. 8, lines 47-60), and responsive to the determination from the third determining means that the request for the viewing or program reservation of the desired program or programs has been made while the EPG display for the selected date is being displayed on the display screen, for accepting a viewing or recording reservation schedule for a desired program or programs (Proehl teaches that the user can select to record or set a reminder for programming from the epg; col. 6, line 61-col. 7, line 16); and

means for controlling display of the schedule information of the user's personal event or events and schedule information of the program or programs to be viewed or recorded on said calendar (Fig. 9; col. 8, lines 10-30, col. 6, lines 15-21).

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SUMAIYA A. CHOWDHURY whose telephone number is (571)272-8567. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 9-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller can be reached on (571) 272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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